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## Fleet Cruise Cancelled

London, Sept. 25.—The autumn cruise of the Home Fleet in Invergordon has been cancelled because of the urgent need for fuel economy. The Fleet will remain at Portland and carry out exercises from there.

It is understood that 17 major ships, from destroyers upwards, would have taken part in the cruise, including the flagship, Duke of York, and cruisers.—Reuter.

## Britain & Palestine

### Cautious Policy Statement Hinted

Lake Success, Sept. 25.—The British and United States delegations to the United Nations General Assembly were believed here tonight to be hesitating to declare their final policies on Palestine.

The statement of Mr Arthur Creech Jones, the British Colonial Secretary, to the Assembly's committee on Palestine tomorrow was not expected to be formal with his reply to recommendations of the United Nations committee of inquiry on Palestine, or to disclose what Britain will do about them.

Mr Creech Jones was expected to state: "The British Government agrees in principle with the findings of the majority report (the partition into an Arab state, a Jewish state and the city of Jerusalem) but not with all its details."

The British Government cannot make a hypothetical declaration of what policy it will follow until the Assembly has given an indication of what it thinks of the report, and what it proposed to do about it.

3. Britain will require assistance in men, money, or both in enforcing the Assembly's decision if these are likely to provoke the opposition by force either the Jews or Arabs.

4. Britain is not anxious to hold on to the Palestine mandate, at the moment no longer than is practicable.

The general feeling among the delegates here was that two basic questions would face the Palestine Committee of the Assembly, the majority report were adopted:

1. Who is to administer Palestine during the transition period in which separate Arab and Jewish states are being set up?

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## Promise Of Stop-Gap Aid For Europe

Washington, Sept. 25.—"Certain problems have arisen in connection with the economic situation in Europe that are of such an urgent nature that their solution cannot await the careful study required for overall decisions," President Truman, referring to the more immediate problem of "stop gap" aid to the European countries which he refused to estimate, said at a press conference today.

"These problems are of an emergency nature which demands immediate attention," he said. "For this reason I have requested a group of Congressional leaders to meet with me on Monday to discuss plans for determining the action to be taken by the United States to aid in preserving the stability and promoting the recovery of nations which participated in the Paris Conference."

The President said that he would seek "immediate action" on Europe's emergency needs when he meets with these leaders on Monday.

He hoped that the funds needed to keep Europe from freezing and starving could be achieved without a special session of Congress, but he had an open mind on this subject and realised that it might prove necessary.

"We shall need to consult with the representatives of the European committee to obtain a clarification and amplification of the initial report and to obtain further information as to the specific measures to be adopted by the participating countries in the carrying out of the principles set forth in the report," he said.

### THE PARIS REPORT

Declaring that he had instructed special committees and all Government agencies to study the Paris report thoroughly without delay, President Truman said: "The facts must be presented and recommendations will be formulated so that the American people, through their representatives in Congress, can determine to what extent and in what manner the resources of the United States may be brought to the support of the renewed European efforts to achieve a sustained economic recovery."

"When the American people are satisfied as to the scope of the necessary programme and the sufficiency of the measures of self-help



PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN

## BLOODBATH NEAR AMRITSAR

### 3,000 Killed In Attack On Moslem Refugee Train

Karachi, Sept. 25.—The casualties in the attack near Amritsar on a Moslem refugee train three days ago are estimated at over 3,000 killed or missing and 1,000 wounded.

A Pakistan Government communique issued today said: "Details of the attack on the Moslem evacuee special at Amritsar on September 22 show that the train was carrying 4,500 Moslem refugees from Alor,

"There appear to have been about 1,000 wounded, which leaves over 3,000 killed and missing."

"When the train was attacked, the British officer in command of the escort, which consisted of 13 Hindus and eight Moslems belonging to the Royal Indian Army, started organising the defence. He was at once killed by a burst from automatic weapons."

"The Hindus in the escort are reported to have surrendered; all eight Moslems died fighting."

The attack, which lasted apparently uninterrupted for two hours, was made by members of the Kashiya Swayam Sangh (described as a militant Hindu youth organisation), as well as by Sikhs."

### SURVIVORS' STORY

The survivors of the attack reached Lahore by road yesterday. They told reporters that Sikh troops took part in the attack. These survivors said that they were saved through being hidden under the bodies of the dead and dying fellow passengers.

They said that the train, which left Delhi on Sunday, was first attacked at Bens, about 30 miles east

### MEETING OF MINISTERS

London, Sept. 25.—Britain has proposed to the United States, France and the Soviet Union that the London meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers should be held at the end of November to avoid a clash with the General Assembly of the United Nations, a Foreign Office spokesman stated to-night.

He added that the proposals were then modified by the French and United States Governments to postpone the Conference of special deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers to Germany to open on October 6 to the beginning of November.

Well-informed sources said Mr Clayton felt, however, that funds available without special Congressional authorisation would fall far short of the amount needed until the Marshall plan becomes effective. He was said to believe that a special Congressional interim appropriation will be needed by the end of the year.

This whole proposed time-table depends, however, on firstly, whether there is a special Congressional session and, secondly, whether Congress can be convinced of Europe's real need.—United Press.

## WORLD'S FOOD SHORTAGE WORSE THAN LAST YEAR

### Truman's Warning

Washington, Sept. 25.—President Truman warned the United States today that the world faced a "food shortage even worse than the year ago." He appealed to all Americans to join in the "less waste" campaign to avert the "critical situation calling for immediate action."

He said at a press conference that he would discuss the possibility of the necessity of legislative action to maintain food exports and, at the same time, force down prices in the United States when he meets the Congressional leaders next week.

He announced the creation of a fats, dairy products, dried fruits, "Citizens' Food Committee" which would "develop plans for bringing the vital problem of food conservation to the attention of very American for action."

He warned that exports would certainly not equal last year's total shipments, but insisted that no American could let the people freeze to death if it could be avoided.

The President made public the report of his Cabinet Committee on World Food Programmes which stressed the "extremely grave food situation abroad and its relationship to the interior ability to help meet the urgent foreign food needs and the price situation in the United States".

### WOLF AT THE DOOR

Aberystwyth, Wales, Sept. 23.—The Minister of Agriculture, Mr Tom Williams, today told farmers that the "wolf was already at the door" when he explained to them the Government's new plan, aimed at producing an extra £100,000,000 worth of food from the soil in the next four years.

Speaking at the Welsh agricultural conference here, he said: "Our new plan is consistent with our former aims although it goes rather further than we had previously contemplated."

"In particular, the advance must be more rapid because the wolf is already knocking at the door."

Mr Williams emphasised that the Government were only asking for a more rapid accomplishment of the long term policy embodied in the Agriculture Act of 1947, whose underlying purpose was to increase guaranteed prices and assure markets.

"We are not asking for a revolution in agriculture. The revolution has already taken place," he declared.—Reuter.

## Coal Miners' Strike Grows

### 13,000 Men Idle In Scotland

London, Sept. 25.—The strike of the Scottish coal miners who left their jobs last Tuesday in Britain's second big coal stoppage this month spread through Lanarkshire and Stirlingshire today until more than 13,000 men were idle at 43 pits.

The hopes of the powerful Miners' Union that the men would resume work this week faded as the miners at the trouble centre of Blantyre, Lanarkshire, who struck in protest against an unsatisfactory wage adjustment and then decided to resume work immediately, failed to go down into the pits this morning.

"Six pits are idle since Tuesday, in the belief that the Blantyre men had called off their strike, but the others stopped work.

### CABINET ACTION

The Cabinet met meanwhile today to try to find a workable solution to the dispute between the Government, the Mineworkers' Union and the National Coal Board on the method of introducing overtime into the mines to get the vital coal needed for Britain's economic recovery.

The Cabinet, faced with the realisation that extra coal production is an imperative part of the latest plans to meet the crisis and that it would have a major significance if the Marshall plan—which calls for the export of coal from Britain to Europe—came into operation, was expected to stick to its view that the best plan was to add half an hour daily and retain the five-day week.

### LORRY DRIVERS RETURN

London, Sept. 25.—The six-day unofficial strike of 280 lorry drivers at Smithfield's London central meat market ended today when the men decided to return to work tomorrow unconditionally.

The drivers struck in sympathy with four men suspended last Friday for refusing to work in another depot of the market.

"The employers have accepted the complete resumption of work by all the men, including the suspended drivers," the men's trade union organiser said.

Seven hundred lorry drivers delivered meat to retail butchers in London during the strike.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## New Form Of Democracy

Of the new forms of democracy being evolved in Britain today the most important is in the industrial field. The life-blood of Britain is her industry and no concession of democracy could be complete which did not take these into account; when two out of every three adult citizens spend the greater part of their time and energy in industrial occupations this clearly creates a vast and important field of human relationships which cannot be overlooked. In a modern, highly industrialised economy like Britain's these relationships are vital. For some time they have been undergoing important development which one day may come to be regarded as one of Britain's greatest contributions to modern civilisation—as great in its way as the idea of parliamentary democracy was in its field. This new relationship involves a totally new approach to the problems of industrial organisation and administration. In certain important industries in Britain—about one-fifth of the whole—nationalisation has superseded the older structure in a clear and formal way. But in the big field of industrial activity which remains under private ownership new forms of democracy are being worked out within the traditional framework. One of the most interesting of these new forms of democracy—joint consultation—received strong impetus during the second World War and is likely to become one essential factor in industrial life in Britain and elsewhere. Joint consultation is a form of organisation in which workers are brought into discussion of policy and methods of the works management. It existed in Britain long before, but its real

growth was during the second World War particularly in the form of the Joint Production Committee. At the peak of the war effort in 1942 there were thousands of these committees—as many as 4,500, for instance, in the engineering and allied industries. Almost every shipyard had a similar organisation usually called a Yard Committee and there were over 1,000 pit production committees in the mines. They existed on a similar scale in almost all other industries. The basic idea of these production committees was to give all workers, even of the humblest grade, a chance of participating in the management of the concern. A committee consists normally of elected workers' representatives and nominated representatives of the management.

CLAYTON'S CONVICTION

London, Sept. 25.—U.S. Under-Secretary of State William Clayton will sail for New York tomorrow convinced that Europe needs both American financial help within a matter of weeks and Congressional aid appropriation before the end of the year, it was learned today.

Mr Clayton, Secretary of State George Marshall's advance economic agent in Europe, was understood to be taking the position that only non-Western Europe can carry on until the Marshall plan takes effect, probably next April or May.

The return of Mr Clayton to Washington is expected to intensify the Truman Administration's efforts to find means of immediate aid to Europe and to prepare for a special Congressional session.

### CANNOT WAIT

Mr Clayton was understood to feel that Europe's need is so urgent that she cannot wait for an interim Congressional appropriation let alone the Marshall plan. Immediate assistance under consideration includes food credits from the Commodity Credit Corporation, loans from the Export-Import Bank and the distribution of looted gold recovered from Germany.

Well-informed sources said Mr Clayton felt, however, that funds available without special Congressional authorisation would fall far short of the amount needed until the Marshall plan becomes effective. He was said to believe that a special Congressional interim appropriation will be needed by the end of the year.

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of Amritsar. This attack was beaten off.

Later, a train carrying Sikh troops passed the refugee train. When the latter had reached Amritsar and pulled a short distance beyond the platform, the survivors said, Sikh troops opened fire on the train from both sides of the track.

They added that the escorting troops only fired over the heads of the attackers, but the British officer commanding the escort, fired a machine gun until he was shot.

A Moslem sergeant of the escort was also reported to have been killed and four other ranks wounded.

The survivors said that the attack began at 6.00 p.m. and went on for three hours. Towards dawn, the train was shunted back to the platform.—Reuter.

### MOSLEM RETALIATE

Lahore, Sept. 25.—Several thousand Moslems attacked a Sikh-Hindu refugee train at Kumro, about 25 miles west of Lahore, about noon yesterday, killing 340 Sikhs and wounding 250, the West Punjab Ministry for Refugees, the escorting troops killed 70 of the attackers and wounded about the same number.

The Government statement said that in spite of heavy firing by the Sikhs, the Moslems, attacking from the rear, forced their way into the last four coaches. The attack lasted 40 minutes, after which the train returned to Gujranwala, where the wounded were taken to hospital. It was added.—Reuter.

## HENRY COTTON PLAYS "TREMENDOUS" GOLF

St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancs., Sept. 25.—Henry Cotton, British Ryder Cup captain and holder of the title, today reached the last eight in the £2,500 "News of the World" match play golf championship here today.

He added that the proposals were then modified by the French and United States Governments to postpone the Conference of special deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers to Germany to open on October 6 to the beginning of November.

These proposals have been communicated to the Soviet Government whose view is not yet known.

The French and United States Governments, it is understood, have suggested that if the Council of Foreign Ministers does not open until the end of November, it is unnecessary to hold the Conference of special deputies six or seven weeks in advance.

Reuter.

The quarter-finalists (in order of the draw) are: Van Donck, Dul Rees, Charles Ward, Dick Burton, Henry Cotton, Wally Smithers, Eric Green and Fred Daly.—Reuter.

### SOCER AND RUGGER

London, Sept. 25.—Queen's Park Rangers tonight beat Exeter City by three goals to one in the Third Division Southern of the Football League.

This was the only match in the League programme.

In a Rugby Union game, Weston-super-Mare beat Bath by eight points to six.

The New Zealand Rugby League team opened their British tour at St. Helen's tonight with a convincing win over St. Helen's. They won by one goal and three tries (11 points) to one goal one try (five points).

The tourists' handling showed that when they settle down they will give English sides plenty to worry about.—Reuter.

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ALBERT ... for ever do they live!

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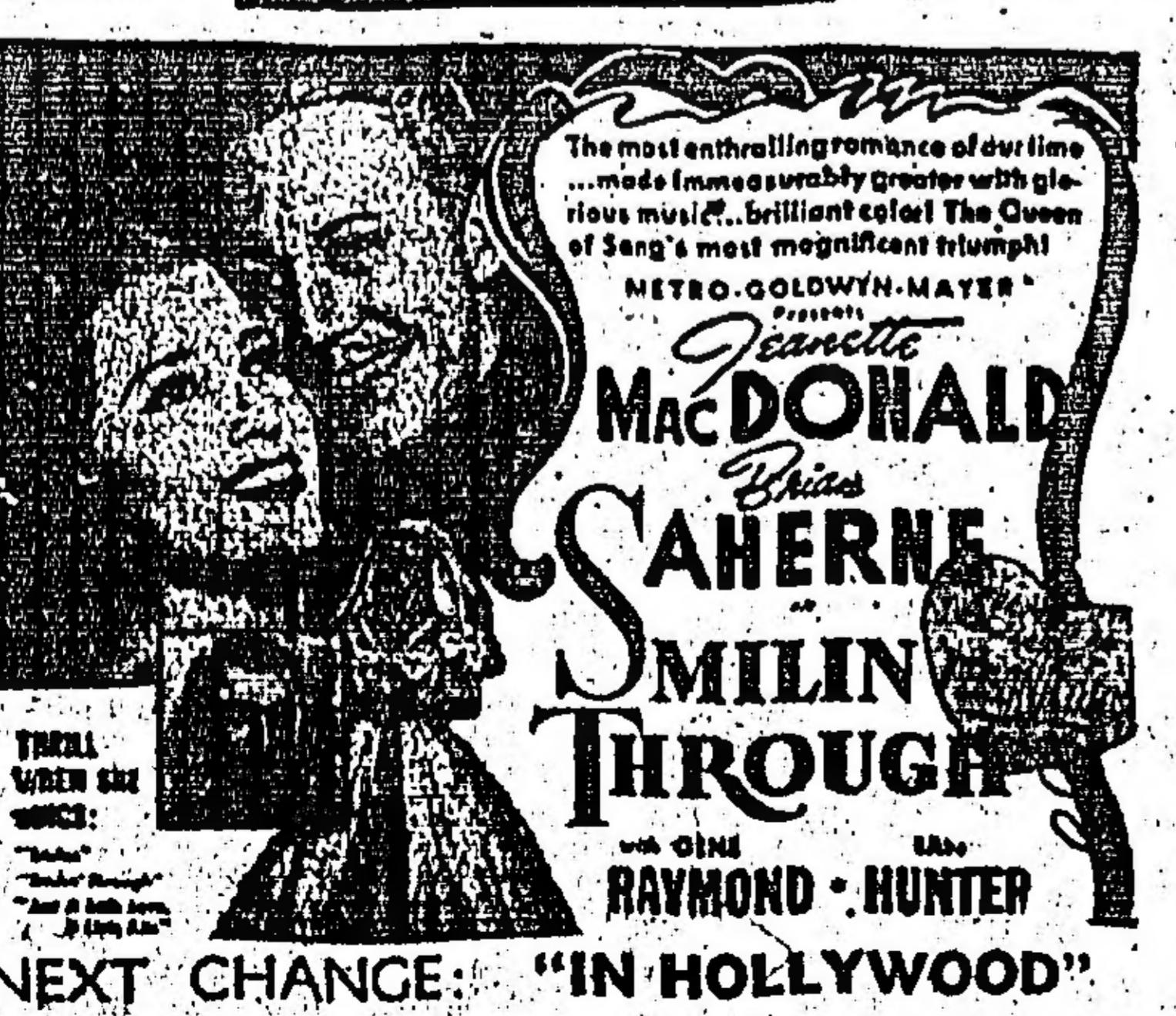


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POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



BY THE WAY  
by Beachcomber

ONE day recently (I forgot which day but you may remember) this column had at its foot a small circle about the size of a shilling.

Those of you who examined it closely no doubt noticed a number printed inside the circle. All were different, and these 3,702,421 numbers have since been shaken up in a hat, and 12 of them drawn out.

Readers holding the following numbers will be holding parrot in a cage, which should be claimed within one week, otherwise they will all be sold to defray expenses:

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9443 300 6720 1207  
2893 5084 6720 20

You will notice that some lucky reader has drawn 6720 twice. He or she will receive two parrots. It appears that the numbers cannot have been all different. Can they?

Sly boots.

THE newspaper heading, "Foland's New Head," gave us to think. Has the Turf sunk so low as to copy the going-on at the more questionable dog-race tracks and go in for disguised animals—does this mean that the old 1928 Derby winner is to be fitted with a false head and entered as a two-year-old, we asked ourselves.

We didn't get a sensible answer.

Later, much later, we discovered it was something about a new headmaster's appointment at Felsted School.

We did feel a fool.

Wheels within.

EAR SIR, I have a bicycle which, although not very old, is apt to smell slightly when it gets near the fire. Our sitting-room at home is sometimes quite unpleasant after it has spent the evening there, and although I hesitate to do so, I feel the only solution is to put it out into the yard. Have you any suggestions? Yours etc., etc.

Dear Etc.—In the first case are you sure it is a bicycle? Having satisfied yourself on this point, try giving it a bath.

P.S.—It has no pedals but barks it is probably a dog.

raising productivity 10 percent above the highest prewar level, was drafted by a Social Democrat.

There is no taboo against honest profit. Retail trade is mostly in private hands. Unashamedly a government prospectus asserts: "Czechoslovakia is keen business-men" and adds:

"Although planning in Czechoslovakia was based on experience gained in foreign countries, mainly in the U.S.S.R., it is not dependent on foreign models, for the Czech Republic has its own economic development, tradition and peculiar economic structure, and this is why it looks for ways and means of its own which conform to the character of its people."

Czechoslovakia is ruled by a national front of all Czech and Slovak political parties with a Prime Minister from the largest party, Communists Klement Gottwald. He replaced Father Jaroslav Starek, of the Catholic People's Party, who dropped down to second Deputy Premier after the last voting gave his party third place.

Regardless of whether it may diverge from formal democratic concepts, the Czech coalition has smoothed a host of old internal squabbles and permitted the country to concentrate on its physical reconstruction.

The Czechoslovak Army appears to have absorbed successfully in its staff set up many veteran officers from both the Western and Eastern Fronts. Yet its two-year plan, aimed at

the air force is steeped in the tradition of the RAF.

A foreigner finds that a Czechoslovak vice is one of the easiest in the world to obtain. Tourists with "hard money" are welcomed with open arms.

Talk abroad of an "iron curtain" and "Kremlin stooges" was at first bitterly resented there. It has now become something of a popular joke. Visitors are asked whether they have yet bumped into the curtain.

American-Soviet friction makes the government unhappy, and the ordinary citizen is angry and fearful over what is described as an American effort to rebuild Germany into a great power. Hatred of the Germans is at white heat, although more than 2,000,000 have been expelled to the occupied Reich.

The Slavic repopulation of the Sudetenland is nearly completed, but Czechoslovakia dreads that Germany, for generations to come, will not accept this as a final solution.

For fundamental protection against

the Germans, reliance is placed on Soviet Russia. The German issue appears to overshadow every other question on the international horizon. To date, there has been an absence of Soviet interference in the internal affairs of the Czechs. The citizenry is obviously encouraged to believe that the country can continue to evolve without direct dictation from Moscow.—Associated Press.

1. Practical unit of electrical activity. (4)

18. Time to return to the chimney. (4)

20. Ironical way to show the water. (4)

21. Give to some criminals. (3)

23. Too. (4)

24. Extracted from the side bitten into. (6)

25. Down. To make you laugh. (4)

26. It makes lace in out. (4)

27. Conveyance. (8)

28. The end of the book. Just odo. (3)

29. Put the pin back. (3)

30. He's Across. (4)

31. More not a photo, but it's often a drawing. (7)

32. Disturbance. (7)

33. The art of arranging men in. (4)

34. Across. A description that is given to Everest. (4)

35. Fort of person you expect to find. (4)

36. Where ignorance is bliss. (4)

37. A name applied to the best quality playing-cards. (6)

38. How someone was brought to book. (4)

39. Upset the chore. (6)

40. Each have a pain seemingly. (6)

41. Bought in a rummago sale perhaps. (3)

42. Whin. (4)

43. Ann. (4)

44. The art of arranging men in. (4)

45. The end of the Primate. (3)

46. Too. (4)

47. Jasper takes it to heart. (3)

48. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. (4)

49. The art of arranging men in. (4)

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**Women  
BEAUTY ARTS**  
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Make your hair shine and sparkle.

**HEADY STUFF!**

Dry Shampoo. Beat the whites of two eggs to a stiff froth. Apply this to the scalp with a tooth brush. Let it dry. Brush out with a stiff-bristled brush. This will leave the hair glossy and fluffy. An excellent shampoo for sleek-a-bed ladies.

Tar and Hot Oil Shampoo. A really cleansing shampoo, very beneficial for neglected hair. Mix equal parts of hot olive oil and tar soap liquid. Massage on the scalp, then use warm water to rinse out all oil, gradually adding cool water.

Soda Shampoo. To fluff up "flat" oily hair, add one-half teaspoonful of soda to a cup of liquid soap shampoo. Use this type of shampoo only occasionally as the soda is quite drying.

Rinse. After the hair is thoroughly clean and perfectly shampooed you might like a rinse.

Lemon rinses do seem to "sparkle up" blonde hair. Add the juice of two lemons to a pint of warm water.

Camomile Rinse. Steep 2 ounces of camomile flowers in a pint of boiling water. This makes a strong tea. Use it on blonde hair to keep it light.

**Minute Makeup  
by GABRIELLE**

Fool your "public" by looking New and all dressed up! It's done with mirrors, you know. Look yourself over carefully. Do your hair a new way. Wear some new bit of costume jewelry or a new collar and cuffs set, they are "new" again! Complement this with a lovely new makeup!

**SIDE GLANCES**

By Galbraith



"Hello, Mr. Jones! I guess you don't know me, but just ask Mrs. Jones about the butcher who saved those juicy steaks for her during the war!"

## Chinese Resales Of U.S. Surplus Stores

By WALTER LOGAN  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

The Chinese Government, which obtained vast supplies of U.S. Army surplus property at a fraction of the cost, is reselling much of this equipment to American firms at extremely high profits, authoritative American sources have revealed.

### SOLOMONS HAS LABOUR TROUBLES

Trade unionism has broken out among coconut pickers in the Solomon Islands, and 7,000 natives have gone on a sit-down strike for a 1,200 percent wage increase and a European diet.

Accounts reaching Suva said the strikers have formed a sort of jungle trade union called the "Marching Rule" on the island of Malaita, 80 miles east of Guadalcanal, and were getting ready to present their demands to the British Administration based on Guadalcanal.

According to an airman who landed on Malaita recently, the natives have been drilling with spears and blowpipes and robbing their war canoes as part of the preparations to negotiate their demands.

John F. Nicoll, acting British Commissioner in the Western Pacific, denied reports that the natives had declared war on the British and were preparing to invade Guadalcanal, but he admitted there are serious signs of open disturbance.

The government has offered the natives a 100 percent wage increase, but the natives are firm in their demands for a 1,200 percent rise, which would bring their wages up to £12 pounds a month.

**Soldiers Taught Them**

The natives learned about unions and sit-down strikes from troops who occupied Guadalcanal during the Pacific war. They also learned to like the strangers' diet and now are demanding that they be fed timed meat, biscuits, sugar, tea and similar things.

The leaders of the "Marching Rule" are the sons of Malaita headhunters, once the most savage in the world.

The sit-down strike has been going on for almost a year and the copra production, the only industry of the islands, is virtually at a standstill. Billions of coconuts are rotting on the ground and the plantations are thick with brush.

Only a few hundred natives are still working, compared to 5,000 before the war.

Men who have been in the Islands for years say the big day of wealthy coconut plantations is gone. While copra prices are high, the natives will work their own small plantations and refuse to work for wages.

—United Press.

**Peas Traced****Back To****Tutankhamen**

Seventh-generation purple-tipped pens from the tomb of Egyptian King Tutankhamen—who died 3,300 years ago—are growing vigorously in the garden of Mrs. Florence Thompson of Seattle.

"It may sound fantastic, but I have records of ownership which trace the seed right back to the tomb," Mrs. Thompson said.

It all started, she said, when she saw several newspaper accounts of the growing of a few withered peas put near King Tut for the lean years when he was buried in 1330 B.C.

Taken to England, the peas were planted. In 1936, some of them were sent to Maj. Walter Dyer in America. His bloomed just like their predecessors. Some of his crop was given to Col. Harry Holden of Orlando, Florida, from whom Mrs. Thompson obtained seeds.

Mrs. Thompson sent the seeds, plus ownership records, to the Egyptian Oriental Museum in San Jose, California, last February. Five healthy pods were sent to her.

Mrs. Thompson proudly shows her two seven-foot vines covered with orchid and deep rose blossoms. "I treat them with a great deal of respect," she added.

**Fantasy Hair Styling**

Australian style nips, observed in the "fantasy" hair-styling competition at a hairdressers' convention in Sydney:

One shoulder, arm, and one side of the face of one model were painted bronze. Her hair was tinted gold, and one side—the bronzed side—was dressed in Greek style, while the other side was dressed in a Louis XVI style.

These sources said that much heavy equipment, such as road building machinery, was bought for as low as U.S. 80 cents a ton and that in at least one case a 20-ton crane was sold to an American firm for U.S. \$18,000—half of its purchase price.

One of the biggest selling items is tractors, almost unobtainable in the United States without a waiting period of up to two years, and a shipment of 122 of them was sold to an American firm for U.S.\$700,000. This was part of the equipment purchased at 85 cents a ton.

These sources said there was nothing illegal about action of the Chinese Government in reselling surplus property to American firms,

but expressed indignation that the whole surplus property deal was handled in such a haphazard manner."

**Equipment Sold**

Some of the equipment is destined for South America and is said to include highway construction machinery which China needs to rebuild its war-torn highways but which is being sold "because China needs dollars more." China is retaining some of this equipment for her own use.

Not all of the equipment is classified as "heavy." One of the companies was sold to have purchased 18 shiploads of material on Manus Island from the Chinese Government. These stores were also sold to China at a fraction of their cost and included "almost everything from more than 1,000 tons of toilet paper to 250 tons of fountain pens. Some of this material is being sent directly to South America.

**Appalled By Methods**

American representatives visiting Okinawa, site of the largest stores of surplus equipment, were appalled at the method by which it had been handled. In many cases, they said, purchasers of surplus equipment indicated which pile they wanted and U.S. Army personnel shoved it together into a compact mass with bulldozers.

In one case, it was said, bulldozers shoved 10 trucks sideways into a "compact pile," utterly destroying the 10 trucks.

The surplus property on Okinawa owned by China is stored in a large fenced off area four miles long and three miles wide, where an almost solid mass of every type of machinery imaginable has been pressed into solid formation with the assistance of bulldozers. Most equipment—ranging from jeeps to ambulances—is now just ruined junk, but much of it is almost brand new equipment which has suffered only from the weather.

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**McKENNEY ON BRIDGE**

Review the Bidding  
Mentally in Play

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

♦ A 872	♦ K 103
♦ 875	W E
♦ 6	5
♦ K 8542	♦ AK 1075
♦ J 6	♦ Q 54
♦ Q 103	♦ 902
♦ Q J 93	♦ AK 1075
♦ A J 106	♦ 73

Rubber—Both vul.  
South West North East  
Pass Pass Pass 1  
Pass Z.N.T. Pass 3.N.T.  
Opening 4 11

Do you review the bidding in your own mind several times during the play of a hand? Many mistakes can be avoided by going over the bidding, and lack of bidding as well. Bidding on today's hand was rather simple, but nevertheless important in the play of the cards.

The opening lead was won in dummy with the queen of clubs and a small diamond was led. South played low and West won with the queen. A small heart was won in dummy with the jack and another diamond played. South won this with the ace and North showed out.

South returned a club, declarer played low and North won with the king. At this point North led the deuce of spades. Looking at all four hands, it is not difficult to see that declarer should go up with dummy's king of spades. But without knowing the location of the cards, could you figure out the right play?

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## Staff Officer Executed

Nanking, Sept. 26.—Lieut-Col Hung Iasiang, Staff Officer of the Defence Ministry's War Dead Compensation Department, was executed by a firing squad outside Nanking's South Gate on Thursday following his conviction on charges of corruption.

Hung was charged with the theft of 50 unclaimed money orders valued at \$37,000,000. — Associated Press.

## SNYDER ON GERMANY'S PRODUCTION

London, Sept. 25.—It was reported from Berlin today that Mr John W. Snyder, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, left Berlin for Paris this afternoon. He has been on a brief visit to Berlin for talks with American financial experts.

Mr. Snyder declared that the situation in Germany was serious but a foundation had been laid for its recovery. Dena, the German news service in the United States zone reported:

"I see no reason why Germany should not be able to improve her economic life considerably in the next few years by hard work and determination." Mr. Snyder was reported as having said:

"It looks quite clear to me that her production should be put into force for the general recovery of Europe".

Meanwhile, 21 more former German war plants were released for distribution through the Inter-Alied Reparations Agency in August, the British Military Government's monthly report stated, according to a Dena message from Hamburg.

Two of the war plants have been handed directly to the Soviet Union by the Agency in Brussels which distributes the plants to the states entitled to receive them as reparations. — Reuter.

## Deadlock Over Preferences

London, Sept. 25.—Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, who put before the Cabinet today the latest suggestions for breaking the Anglo-American deadlock over Imperial Preferences, tonight had a 20-minute talk with the United States Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Mr William Clayton, who will return to the United States tomorrow.

It is understood that the talk was "inconclusive".

Sir Stafford Cripps earlier reported to the Cabinet on his unsuccessful meeting last Friday with Mr Clayton, who flew from Geneva in a special effort to find a way out of the deadlock which arose at the Geneva Trade Conference when the British resisted the American move for a reduction in Empire preferences.

After his talk with Mr Clayton, Sir Stafford met the Canadian Minister of Finance, Mr Douglas Abbott, who has been in London to attend the meeting of the members of the International Monetary Fund. — Reuter.

## CZECH-RUMANIAN TRADE TALKS

Prague, Sept. 25.—The trade negotiations between Czechoslovakia and Rumania, which began a fortnight ago, are likely to be long drawn out since Rumania wants capital goods in exchange for foodstuffs she is to deliver. Hospodar, the economic weekly paper, said today.

Czechoslovakia was already committed with other countries to long-term agreements on capital goods exports, the paper added.

Hospodar added that a Swedish trade delegation was expected to visit Prague shortly to continue negotiations interrupted in Stockholm last year.

A Spanish delegation was also expected in Prague soon to start negotiations on mutual exchange during the next year. — Reuter.

## CONDENSIS IRISH PARTITION

London, Sept. 25.—A 38-page illustrated booklet, demanding the abolition of Ireland, found a ready sale among the large crowd which gathered outside No. 10 Downing Street while Mr Eamon de Valera, Prime Minister of Eire, conferred with the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee. — Reuter.

Describing the partition as "a bloody pawn in a party game", the booklet declared: "The partition is a wrong that must be righted."

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## Russians Obstruct Italy's Admission To United Nations

Lake Success, Sept. 25.—Sir Alexander Cadogan of Great Britain today accused Russia of "what is vulgarly called horse trading" when the question of Italian membership of the United Nations came up before the United Nations Security Council.

Colonel William Hodgson, of Australia, said that Russia's condition for the admission of Italy to the United Nations "favoured of blackmail".

Russia had sought to make Italy's admission conditional on the other ex-enemy countries—Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary and Rumania—being admitted too.

M. Andrei Gromyko, the Russian delegate, said: "We are ready to admit Italy but only on the condition that all the other countries—Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland—are admitted as well."

"It is impossible to make any separate decision on Italy's application," he said.

"He said that the United States, Britain and Russia agreed in the Potsdam Agreement that the conclusion of the peace treaties with all five countries would enable the Big Three to support applications from them for membership of the United Nations.

"When the representatives of the United States and Britain propose to consider the Italian application separately, they deviate from the Potsdam Agreement. The Soviet Union is not going to follow such an example."

The meeting was opened by the United States delegate expressing warm support for the admission of Italy to the United Nations.

Mr Herschel Johnson said: "Italy now has full sovereignty and has renewed relations with other nations."

"Italy has given more than ample proof of her devotion to the cause of the Allied peoples. There is even proof that she will be able and willing to carry out her obligations under the Charter."

"The United States is convinced that the Security Council should recommend Italy's immediate admission."

"We are also convinced that her membership will give the United Nations a new and vital force which will contribute to the accomplishment of its tasks."

Britia, Belgium, France, Brazil and Australia all expressed support for Italy.

**Blanket Resolution**

The Polish delegate, M. Modlewski, however, introduced a blanket resolution covering the ad-

## DONCASTER COLLISION INQUIRY

London, Sept. 25.—The inquiry concluded today into last month's Doncaster collision, in which eight people were killed.

Brigadier C.A. Langley, conducting the inquiry, told signalman J.W. McKone, who was called for further questioning: "I do not want you to make any excuses. You have taken the blame for this accident quite frankly."

McKone, who had earlier agreed that he had made two mistakes, said: "I do not want to shield myself, or to tell lies. I have done my best to tell the truth and the whole truth."

His normal reaction when he heard the indicator bell ring in his box at Balby junction was to go to pull his No. 2 lever.

The Brigadier said: "It seems to me rather lucky you have not had a collision before if that has been your reaction."

The signalman said that on the day of the accident it was hot and the box was stuffy, although he had both windows and door open.

Reuter.

## JULIUS MANIU TRIAL

Bucharest, Sept. 25.—The trial of Dr Julius Maniu, leader and former chairman of the Romanian Peasant Party, and of the leading members of the Party, will begin on October 1, the newspaper Semnul announced today.

Dr Maniu was imprisoned on July 21, charged with treason, and a week later his Party was outlawed and dissolved.

The charges, which cover the Party's activities from 1907 to the present day, include provocation for an anti-Soviet war, policies contrary to the democratic reform of freedom." — Reuter.

## Winnie's Car Recovered

Westerham, Kent, Sept. 25.—Mr. Winston Churchill's Austin 10 saloon, which was stolen from a car park here, has been recovered by the Barnsborough police.

The car was found abandoned in a lane at Cudham, about eight miles from Westerham. No apparent damage had been caused to the vehicle. — Reuter.

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## TRAIN ACCIDENT

London, Sept. 25.—Twenty people were slightly injured when a crowded rush-hour morning train from Ipswich overran the platform at Liverpool Street, London, and crashed into the buffers. Eleven of the Loytis family, are expected to leave this week. — Reuter.

Bournemouth, Sept. 25.—The famous Ambassador Hotel in Bournemouth has been sold.

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The price paid is not disclosed, but believed to be more than £100,000. The former owners, the Loytis family, are expected to leave this week. — Reuter.



## INDONESIA SETTLEMENT: DUTCH CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME

Batavia, Sept. 25.—The Dutch conditions for reaching a settlement with the Indonesian Republicans remain the same as before they began their "police action" in Java. Dr Hubertus van Mook, Lieutenant Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, declared today.

The conditions then included the setting up of a joint gendarmerie and certain guarantees from the Republicans.

Dr. Van Mook was speaking at his first press conference since his return from Holland, and said he would take part in the talks sponsored by the three-nation "good offices" Commission set up by the United Nations.

Asked about the possible resumption of police action, Dr. van Mook said:

"The three-nation Commission has just been formed, and we shall await their good offices and the results. After that, we shall see."

The Dutch did not necessarily want to see a change of government at Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, but a change of heart, he added.

Dr. Van Mook expressed pleasure at the selection of the United States as the third member of the three-nation Commission, and said that the choice was the only logical one.

He also stated that his talks with Dr. Herbert Evans, Australian Minister for External Affairs, on the three-nation Commission and the general situation in Indonesia during his visit to the United States were conducted in a "very friendly atmosphere." — Reuter.

**More Skirmishes**

Batavia, Sept. 25.—Acting Governor-General Hubertus J. Van Mook today hailed as "ideal" the choice of the United States as the third member of the three-power United Nations Commission assigned to mediate between the Dutch and the Indonesian Republic.

The Republic Government, meanwhile, named a six-man delegation, headed by Premier Amir Sjarifuddin, to represent it in any negotiations arising from the mediation efforts.

The persistent violation of human rights showed no signs of abatement, he added.

M. Gromyko dismissed the arguments of the United States delegates on Hungary and said that he would support its application.

The information circulated abroad, particularly in the United States, is tendentious and distorts the facts of the situation in Hungary, he said. — Reuter.

**Rations For Jews**

London, Sept. 25.—A Jewish Agency spokesman in London today stated that the Government's decision to give the "Exodus" Jews rations equal to those of the German population if they did not agree to leave Germany for France was an attempt to break their morale by punishing them physically.

"It is a mistake," he said, "to believe that by such methods their determination to leave Europe and return to Palestine as of right will be broken."

"The Government should draw the prison regime under which they are confined and restore their freedom." — Reuter.

## Fascist Ban Demand

London, Sept. 25.—British Left-wingers fired another shot in their war against the revival of Fascism in England, when two Communist members of the London County Council today tabled a motion calling on the Government to ban all Fascist organisations and make anti-Semitism of criminal offence.

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## BRITAIN AND PALESTINE

(Continued from Page 1)

2. Which members of the United Nations are to furnish military contingents to enforce the decisions of the Interim Administration if Britain is unwilling to carry on the task alone?

The United Nations have so far failed to make any progress in setting up an International Police Force, provided for in the United Nations Charter. They would therefore have to invite certain countries to send forces to Palestine, and Britain would be unlikely to be one of these.

The United States which declined the Palestine mandate after the first world war, is anxious to avoid sending troops. — Reuter.

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## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers:

- Off the west coast of Scotland.
- The descendants of the mutineers of the "Bounty".
- Judith.
- Queen Elizabeth of England.
- It is obtained chiefly from the pastures of cattle and hogs.
- Yes, two, both near the equator.

## British Note Condemns Execution Of Petkov

London, Sept. 25.—Great Britain today sent a note to the Bulgarian Government condemning the execution of the former Bulgarian opposition leader, Nicolai Petkov, as "a travesty of justice" which confirmed the "sinister impression that the Bulgarian Government is determined to extinguish the last vestiges of liberty in Bulgaria."

"His execution is yet another example of the use of judicial murder to get rid of people who do not agree with their government—a procedure which is not compatible with democracy," it said.

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"In the opinion of His Majesty's Government, Petkov died for a cause for which he had always fought—the right of men to hold and express, according to their own personal consciences, their own political convictions."

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